

Suarez survives ouster attempt

PRID, May 30 (R) — Spain's centrist government today won a narrow but isolated victory from the opposition's first attempt to ouster it since the restoration of democracy three years ago. The Cortes (parliament) voted by 166 votes to 152, with 2 abstentions, to defeat a censure motion tabled by the socialists. Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez's economic, regional and foreign policies. All 166 votes against the motion were by members of Mr. Suarez's Union of the Democratic Centre (UCD). The motion was supported by the Socialist Workers Party (PSE), the communists, the minor Socialist Party of Andalusia and independent parliamentarians. Political sources said the UCD had succeeded in showing erosion of support for the prime minister, who won 184 votes in a parliamentary debate on the general election of March last year. But the opposition increased its votes from 149 to 152.

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UNDOF mandate extended

UNITED NATIONS, May 30 (R) — The Security Council today approved a six-month extension of the mandate of the U.N. Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) between the Syrian and Israeli armies on the Golan Heights. The vote in the 15-member council was 14 in favour, with China not participating. The current mandate of the force, established in May, 1974, and now numbering nearly 1,300 troops from Austria, Canada, Finland and Poland, was due to expire tomorrow. Syria and Israel both had agreed to the extension and the council's endorsement was largely a formality. In a report to the council earlier this week, secretary General Kurt Waldheim said the situation in the Israeli-Syrian sector had been quiet and without serious incident. He repeated earlier warnings, however, that the situation in the Middle East as a whole remained potentially dangerous until a comprehensive peace settlement was worked out.

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Weizman to stay in politics, hopes to be premier 'one day'

TEL AVIV, May 30 (AP) — Former Defence Minister Ariel Weizman said today he would stay in politics and hope to be Israel's prime minister.

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Expelled West Bankers to meet Pope in Paris

Special to the Jordan Times

PARIS, May 30 — The three Palestinian leaders expelled from the Hebron area of the Israeli-occupied West Bank were expected to meet here later today or tomorrow with the visiting Pope John Paul II.

Tentative plans for the meeting with the Pope were disclosed by one of the three, Mayor Mohammad Milhem of Hebron, in a telephone call from Paris to the Jordan Times correspondent in New York.

Mr. Milhem and his colleagues, Mayor Fahd Qawasm of Hebron and Sheikh Rajab Tamimi, the Islamic judge of Hebron, arrived here yesterday from Geneva. They are touring Europe and North America to draw world attention to Israeli practices in the occupied territories, following their summary expulsion from the West Bank on May 3.

The three leaders spoke at a press conference in Paris today, as guests of the Arab journalists' league in the French capital. They also had lunch with Arab League officials.

Tonight, the three leaders were due to meet representatives of French political parties, although Mr. Milhem said they had no plans to meet senior French officials such as President Giscard d'Estaing.

Last night, the three notables met with the French Palestine Solidarity Committee.

During their visit to Geneva, Mayors Qawasm and Milhem gave several hours' testimony each before the United Nations Human Rights Commission, and to the special committee investigating Israeli practices in the occupied territories, which includes members from Sri Lanka and Senegal and is chaired by Mr. Borut Bohic of Yugoslavia.

Mr. Milhem told the Jordan Times that he was pleased with the results of the Geneva visit and grateful for the chance to give testimony about the "continuing Israeli aggression against West Bank Palestinians." He said two Israeli delegates were present at the special committee session at which they testified.

The testimony before the two U.N. committees in Geneva followed the dramatic appearance by the three men last week before the U.N. Security Council in New York. After hearing the two mayors describe the circumstances of their expulsion by the Israelis, the Security Council voted 14-0, with the United States abstaining, to condemn the expulsions and to demand that Israel readmit the three men to their homeland.

The three leaders are due to leave Paris Saturday evening for London, where they expect to meet with Arab ambassadors and with a special committee of the British House of Commons.

They are due to return to New York on Tuesday night, and to go on to Washington on Wednesday.

If Egypt rejects international force Begin warns of shelving next stage of Sinai pullout

TEL AVIV, May 30 (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin today said an agreement establishing an international supervisory force for the area, stage of its withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula if Egypt fails to sign an agreement.

A spokesman for Mr. Begin refused to confirm the reports which said the prime minister made the remarks to a meeting of the parliamentary foreign affairs and security committee, whose deliberations are secret.

According to the Israel-Egypt peace treaty, an international force was to be created to supervise the buffer zone between Israeli and Egyptian forces in Sinai when Israel pulled its troops back to the Al Arish-Ras Muhammad line last January.

When the United Nations Security Council failed to establish the force, the two sides started joint patrols of the area, aided by American and U.N. observers. But Mr. Begin's spokesman emphasised that Egypt has yet to agree to an international force as stipulated in the treaty. "Egypt has not agreed," he said. "There is no supervision agreement."

Israel's next withdrawal is scheduled for April 1982, when Israeli troops are to pull back an additional 80 kilometres eastward to the Palestinian international frontier.

A government source downplayed the importance of the alleged remarks, and noted that if the radio report were correct, Mr. Begin's statement should not be interpreted as an attempt to pressure Egypt. "After all, we're talking about something that's two years away," he said.

Israeli and Egyptian military officials have been engaged in extensive negotiations on the issue of the multinational force, but neither side's proposals have been accepted by the other.

In Cairo, Egypt's foreign minister, Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali, said Cairo had "no comment" to make on the Israeli radio report but added the subject would be taken up with Ambassador Eliahu Ben Elissar.

Meanwhile, it was reported from Paris that President Sadat had informed European leaders that any Middle East peace initiative should stay within the framework of the Camp David accords.

He said in an interview with the Paris-based International Herald Tribune, published today, that if the Europeans sought a new formula, such as United Nations resolution on a Palestinian state, Israel was likely to use the move to avoid concrete negotiations on the Palestinian issue, the newspaper said. The Europeans should continue to seek Palestinian autonomy, he was quoted as saying.

Mr. Sadat said he expected a continued lull in the negotiations

with Israel, but he did expect more European involvement in the peace process. Such an initiative is reportedly in preparation now, following the passing of the May 26 Camp David deadline.

"Any act from this (European) side should add to Camp David, not be against Camp David," he was quoted as saying.

The newspaper said it was Mr. Sadat's first public recognition that he feels the need for diplomatic support from outside the United States, at least during the election campaign there.

It said he appeared hopeful European pressure could offset the standstill caused by the U.S. election and include Israel to be more flexible in negotiations.

Mr. Sadat was quoted as saying that Begin's set against Palestinian autonomy and there is no indication he will change his mind. "He said it was Mr. Begin's fault the negotiations had failed to get results."

Mr. Sadat was quoted as saying he sent envoys to Washington, Bonn, London and Rome this week to explain Egypt's position.

They made three points to the Europeans, Mr. Sadat was quoted as saying: Camp David is the cornerstone for a comprehensive Middle East peace settlement and not just a bilateral Egyptian-Israeli peace, no outside interference should undercut this process, and any European move must win U.S. support before it can achieve tangible results.

They stressed that U.N. Resolution 242 remains the basis accepted by Israel for the present talks. "If you rob 242 of its significance," he said, "the whole process will collapse."

Mr. Sadat said that he and President Carter "did our best" to try to convince the Europeans not to make a separate move "but if they want to try, we can't stop them now," the newspaper quoted him as saying.

In Cairo, President Sadat said today it was now up to the Americans to get the deadlocked Palestinian autonomy talks moving again.

Speaking to reporters after attending Friday noon prayers, Mr. Sadat said Egypt was "waiting for an American initiative."

"Let us hope it comes soon, and then after that we will decide and declare our position," he said. Mr. Sadat suspended the negotiations with Israel and the United States on May 8, saying that the year of talks had produced no progress on basic issues. A week later the Egyptian leader said he was willing to resume the talks, then in a sudden turnaround suspended them indefinitely.

Mr. Sadat was asked today if the political situation inside Israel was holding up attempts to resume negotiations. "I don't see anything affecting the talks despite their position in Israel. It is the American initiative we are waiting for."

Pope urges Catholics to be proud of their faith

PARIS, May 30 (Agencies) — Pope John Paul arrived in Paris today and launched a campaign to end a fall of confidence in the French church, telling Catholics to be proud of their faith.

"Recognise your dignity," he told a huge crowd at the Place de la Concorde.

The white-robed pontiff said he had come to France, where attendance at church and the numbers of priests have slumped in recent years, "to encourage you on the way of the gospel."

The pope, who is on a four-day visit, is the first pope to set foot on French soil since Pius VII was released in 1814 after two years as a prisoner of Napoleon Bonaparte.

Welcoming the pope, President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing praised him for "the simplicity, the humanity and the radiant, confident faith which has already marked your pontificate."

The pope later celebrated a solemn hymn of thanksgiving, in the presence of church and state leaders at Notre Dame Cathedral.

The 60-year-old former Archbishop of Krakow was greeted at Orly airport by Prime Minister Raymond Barre and French Prime Minister Cardinal Francois Marty.

He was then whisked by helicopter to the flag-bedecked Champs Elysees Avenue in the centre of the capital to be welcomed officially by President Giscard d'Estaing in front of the huge crowd.

The Polish Pontiff, on the sixth overseas trip of his short reign, faced a hectic schedule this weekend.

Highlights of tomorrow's programme are a morning reception given by President Giscard d'Estaing at the Elysee Palace, and a meeting under the Eiffel Tower with representatives of France's large Polish community.

In the evening he will celebrate mass for French and immigrant workers in the Basilica of St. Denis, traditional burial place of French kings.

The pope will meet tomorrow with the rector of the Paris mosque, one of the leading Muslim clerics in Europe, the mosque said in a communique today.

The Pope is due to meet with leaders of non-Catholic Christian churches in France earlier tomorrow, and with the grand Rabbi of France, Jacob Kaplan, on Sunday.

The rector, Si Hamza Boubaker, senior Islamic religious leader of the French Muslim community, and the visiting pontiff will meet the Legion of Honour building on the banks of the Seine in central Paris, the communique said.

Sunday sees what is expected to be the climax of the visit as an open-air mass at Le Bourget airport north of Paris which church authorities believe could attract as many as one million worshippers.

Eleven killed in Turkey's growing political violence

ANKARA, May 30 (R) — At least 11 people were killed in Turkey today in growing violence set off by the killing of a leading right-wing politician three days ago.

A soldier and a policeman were killed by unknown gunmen in Istanbul and two policemen were shot dead in the western resort city of Izmir.

In the town of Merzifon, rightist militants set fire to dozens of shops and the governor declared a curfew until dawn tomorrow.

Today's killings brought the death toll to 40 since Gun Sazak, deputy chairman of the far-right Nationalist Movement Party (NMP), was shot outside his Ankara home on Tuesday.

About 50,000 extreme right-wing Turks, chanting "God is Great," staged a massive show of force at his funeral ceremony here surrounded by the heaviest military security seen in years.

While left and right-wing politicians accused each other of inciting a popular uprising, tension and tempers in many towns today were at the highest pitch in memory. Troops patrolled streets, helicopters circled and tanks were rolled to key positions in many towns while daytime curfews were imposed in others.

Three people were killed in a political clash in Istanbul today, a leftist organisation's leader was shot dead in Kutahya, one person died in a clash between students and police in Eskisehir and two policemen were shot dead in the town of Corum.

The Corum shooting happened shortly before the start of a day-long curfew imposed after a night of rioting by right-wing militants who burned down about 50 shops owned by people known to hold left-of-centre views. One person was killed and 10 were wounded during the riots, which brought yesterday's death toll nationwide to 15, the same as the previous day.

Today's funeral procession was one of the biggest shows of force by the extreme right in years. Police, army commandos and para-military gendarmes lined the route and tanks were discreetly placed in the Yenimahalle district near the start of the procession which went to the Haci Bayram mosque in the old town centre.

Mr. Sazak is the highest-ranking victim of Turkish political violence so far. His wife and several family members saw him gunned down as he returned from a picnic to his home in a residential area of Ankara.

Political violence has plagued Turkey for the past few years. Some 1,500 Turks have died at the hands of political extremists so far this year alone.

The chairman of the NMP, former Col. Alpaslan Turkes, accused the opposition leader and former premier Mr. Bulent Ecevit, of provoking underground communist groups to kill rightists in the hope of starting a civil war.

Mr. Ecevit retorted that the NMP had supported rightist extremists who "are attempting a rehearsal for a nationwide uprising."

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan presenting a gold medal to former football star Abdul Rahman Sanno.

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Abdul Rahman Sanno, who were crowd attracters in the late 1920's.

Today's match ended in a tie, with one goal for each team.

The first half saw Al Hussein's point after 35 minutes. It was actually scored by Al Ahli's Ali Sudani, who instead of kicking out a ball from Al Hussein's Muntir Musbah, helped the opponents by directing the ball into his team's net.

Following a series of concentrated attacks by Al Ahli during the second half, Ihsan Basiouni, of Al Ahli's



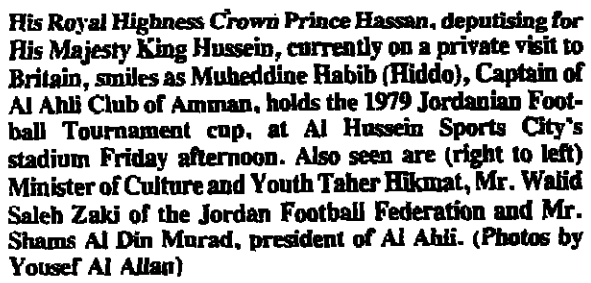
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Al Ahli honoured:

AMMAN, May 30 (JT) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan today presented the 1979 Jordanian Football Tournament cup to Al Ahli club of Amman, following a friendly match the champions had with the runner-ups, Al Hussein Club of Irbid.

The Crown Prince also distributed gold medals to Al Ahli athletes and silver medals to players from Al Hussein Club.

For the first time in Jordan's football history, the Crown Prince also honoured former football stars. He presented gold medals to Mr. Salim Awad and Mr.



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defence line, who advanced to support his team's attackers, succeeded in scoring the equalising point.

This is Al Ahli's second year in a row as champions and the club's third cup during the last five years.

The 1979 tournament had been scheduled to end early in February, but due to Jordan's participation in the Olympic pre-qualification matches in Baghdad and heavy rains and snow this winter, the tournament was delayed.

The 1980 tournament starts on July 2.

Osmani aide ends

SDON, May 30 (R) — Omani Minister Qais Abdul Qader Al Zawawi left today on his way home after two-day talks with British ministers on developments in the Gulf and the Persian Peninsula, officials said.

His talks with Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe and Defence Secretary Francis Pym also discussed the Arab-Israeli dispute, and the recent summit conference in Islamabad, which called for an immediate and complete withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan.

The Omani minister and Mr. Pym reviewed defence relations, officials declined to give details. Britain gives military and financial aid to Oman, which has a strategic position along the oil-pumping routes through the Gulf Hormuz.

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Pentagon officials in Washington said the U.S.-Oman deal was a "quite final" and the State Department would not say whether an agreement had been reached.

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Japan's Foreign Minister Okita arrives today for three-day visit

TOKYO, May 30 (Agencies) — Japanese Foreign Minister Saburo Okita left Friday on his way to Jordan for an official visit from May 31 to June 2.

During his stay in Jordan, Mr. Okita will meet His Majesty King Hussein, the Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf and other officials, to discuss bilateral economic cooperation and other issues.

From Amman, Mr. Okita will go on to Paris for a meeting of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

(OECD) on June 3-4, after which he will fly to Rome for an official visit to Italy.

Answering questions put to him before his departure by the Jordan News Agency (JNA), Mr. Okita said he felt it was "necessary for Japan to take every opportunity to strengthen and expand friendly and cooperative relations with Jordan, with increasing importance being attached to cultural and human exchanges for better understanding."

Noting the close relations between Japan and the Arab coun-

tries, he said the Middle East area in 1979 accounted for 19 per cent of Japan's aggregate exports and imports in value terms and was the source of 76.8 per cent of its oil supplies.

He said Japan was actively extending economic and technical assistance to the countries of the region "in response to their requests for aid in their nation-building efforts."

On the question of peace in the Middle East, Mr. Okita said Japan believed that peace must be "just, lasting and comprehensive," and that it should be achieved "through early and complete implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and the recognition of and respect for the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including the right of self-determination."

Further, he said, "all possible avenues to peace should be explored, taking into account the aspirations of all the peoples concerned in the Middle East and the legitimate security requirements of the coun-

tries of the region."

Specifically, he added, Japan maintains "that the withdrawal of Israel from all the territories occupied in 1967, including East Jerusalem, and the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in the peacemaking process, are indispensable to the early realisation of peace."

He said Japan also maintains that "the establishment of settlements by Israel in the occupied territories is illegal and cannot be recognised."

Mr. Okita said Japan considers the PLO to be the representative of the Palestinian people "and thus maintains a dialogue with the PLO."

On the basis of Japan's relations based on interdependence with the Middle East countries, Mr. Okita told JNA, "Japan intends to continue working for the maintenance and promotion of friendly and cooperative relations with these countries, while at the same time fulfilling its political and economic role in the international community."



Japanese Foreign Minister Saburo Okita.

Sheikh Ja'bari buried in Hebron; Dayan att

TEL AVIV, May 30 (Agencies) — Sheikh Mohammad Ali Al Ja'bari, the former mayor of Hebron who died on Thursday aged 80, was buried in that occupied Arab West Bank city today in a funeral attended by as many as 10,000 mourners, reports from the Israeli military government said.

The former Israeli defence minister, Mr. Moshe Dayan, was among those attending the funeral. Also attending were Israeli military commander Brig. Gen. Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, Beersheba Mayor Eliahu Nawi and Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij.

Sheikh Ja'bari was mayor of Hebron for 36 years, beginning in

1940 when Palestine was under the British Mandate, and he was elected to the municipal elections in 1945.

Other West Bank authorities thought to have been from attending, but because the Israeli authorities have "barred" them from leaving their area.

Sheikh Ja'bari was the Jordanian Upper 1950s, and later served of agriculture and of the Jordanian govern-

Local News Brief

TUNIS, May 30 (JNA) — Arab League Secretary General Kibi today received the Jordanian ambassador here, I. Shamayleh, and handed him a message to His Highness Prince Hassan, the Regent.

AMMAN, May 30 (JNA) — The Jordanian delegation to the 66th session of the International Labour Org (ILO) due to begin in Geneva Wednesday leaves here. Ministry of Labour sources said that Arab delegates will be meeting on Monday to unify their positions with regard to the agenda. They will also discuss a draft resolution to be by Jordan's delegation on behalf of the Arab group concerning establishment of Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab territories in addition to undertaking a unified stand with regard to the authorities' amendment to article 83 of the Jordanian labour sources added.

AMMAN, May 30 (JNA) — The Arab Organisation for Standardisation and Metrology begins here Saturday the seventh day of cooperation among Arab petroleum laboratories. Participants during a four-day meeting means of examining specifications for petroleum products and their derivatives. Also deal with proposing a work plan to develop the present Arab petroleum laboratories and to draw up a plan for participation in international activities in this field. Representatives from petroleum companies and institutions in 12 Arab countries taking part in the meeting.

AMMAN, May 30 (JNA) — The Arab Mining Company's board of directors will hold a meeting at its offices here on chaired by Dr. Abdul Razzaq Al Hashemi. Discussion of meeting will deal with progress on projects in which the taking part.

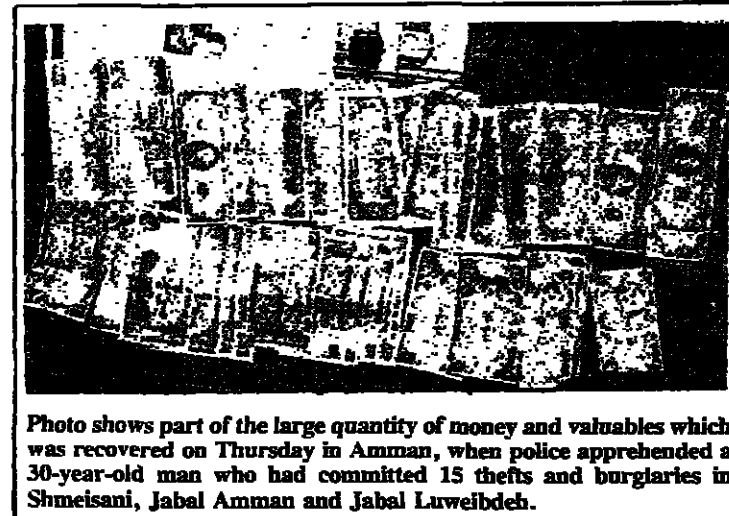


Photo shows part of the large quantity of money and valuables which was recovered on Thursday in Amman, when police apprehended a 30-year-old man who had committed 15 thefts and burglaries in Shmeisani, Jabal Amman and Jabal Luweibdeh.

Mr. As'ad Nasr re-elected chairman of MEA's board of directors

Mr. Nasr says "The airline has achieved a record profit of 51 million Lebanese pounds—Annual increase in passengers travelling by MEA"

BEIRUT—A record 51 million Lebanese pounds of profit during the year 1979 demonstrates the privileged position which the travelling public has accorded MEA. Thus declared the chairman and president of MEA, Mr. As'ad Nasr, in his message to the shareholders and employees, contained in the 1979 Annual Report submitted to the company's General Assembly today.

Mr. Nasr, who outlined the inflationary trends and the sharp escalation in fuel prices in 1979, said that the most effective means to combat these challenges was through cooperative action with other airlines, and full support to the Arab Air Carriers Organisation and the International Air Transport Association.

The company has satisfied the upsurges of passenger traffic which reflected the normalisation process in the country during 1979. Several development projects were also achieved during the year.

Mr. Nasr concluded: "MEA has shown that it possesses a most desirable quality in any organisation — namely the ability to minimise the consequences of adverse developments while maximising the gains when conditions are favourable."

It has been announced by the Public Relations Department of Middle East Airlines (MEA) that the general assembly of MEA held a meeting on May 30, 1980 and has unanimously decided on the re-election of all members of the Board of Directors. At the newly elected Board's first meeting, it re-elected Mr. As'ad Nasr as chairman of the board and president of the company for same period.

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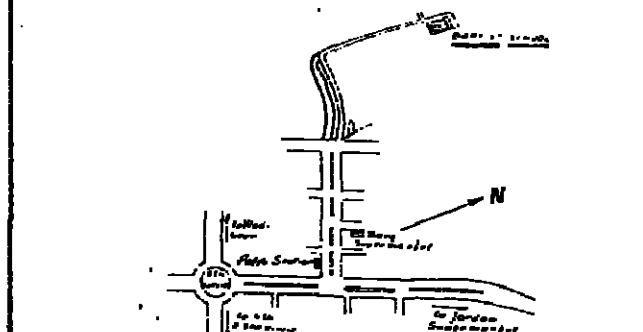
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Beyond repair

THE STRUCTURAL flaws in the American-engineered Camp David "peace process" have long been exposed for all to see, but it now appears that the damage is far beyond repair.

That is the only possible conclusion to be reached from Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's latest unilateral bid to renege on yet another phase of Israel's withdrawal from occupied Sinai.

Yet, at the same time as Mr. Begin is thus defiantly throwing another spanner into the works, his "peace partner," President Sadat, is declaring that the Camp David framework is the only feasible approach to peace in the Middle East.

In an almost classic non sequitur, Mr. Sadat argues this on the grounds that any new peace initiative, such as that which is expected from the European Community, could be used by Israel to avoid concrete negotiations on the Palestinian issue.

Mr. Sadat should be the first to realise that the entire Camp David scheme, as devised by Israel and the U.S., has itself proved to be the greatest obstacle to such "concrete negotiations" on the Palestinian issue.

Indeed, by sidestepping the central component of that issue — the legitimate quest of the Palestinians for self-determination in a state of their own — the Camp David formula has given Israel carte blanche to evade altogether its historic responsibilities with regard to the Palestinian problem: rather than being predicated on an immediate withdrawal of the illegal Israeli military occupation of the Palestinian homeland — long accepted as the minimum requirement even for discussions about peace, much less for peace itself — the Camp David accords have opened the way to a strengthening of the Israeli military and civilian presence in the occupied territories.

Should Mr. Sadat need any verification of these regrettable consequences of his peace initiative, he need only look at the latest Israeli foot-dragging over withdrawal from Sinai and ask himself what that pretends for the prospects of any Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza.

Even without Camp David, Israel would have had to concede Sinai as the sovereign territory of another state occupied by military force. The Israelis had no biblical or other bogus historical claims to sovereignty there; their only interest in Sinai was strategic, and that was easily mitigated by obtaining Egypt's capitulation under the Camp David treaty.

Such is clearly not the case with the West Bank or even Gaza. But by applying the same criteria there as in Sinai, and compounding that sin by introducing the totally meaningless concept of "autonomy" for the other occupied areas, the Camp David accords would rule out even a semblance of the type of return to legal Arab sovereignty for the West Bank and Gaza that is envisioned (in drawn-out stages) for Sinai.

At a time when it looks like he might not even get Sinai back after all, it is shameful for Mr. Sadat to be arguing that only Camp David offers any prospect for progress in resolving the national issue at stake in the West Bank and Gaza as well.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: The statement issued by the British parliamentary delegation just before leaving Amman on Thursday is the strongest challenge of its kind yet made by European public figures against American practices with regard to the Middle East crisis.

The statement announced explicitly that the European initiative should promptly make its appearance on the scene, even if not backed by the U.S. Furthermore, the statement went so far as publicly to assert the necessity of preventing Washington from dealing alone with the crisis, because it is not satisfactorily or positively involved in the Middle East as maker of genuine peace.

The British parliamentarians rejected in advance any attempt that may be made by the U.S. to freeze the issue pending the result of the American presidential elections, because, they said, peace is more important than any domestic political considerations.

This means that the difficulty of presidential politics, which is among the main reasons for the longstanding neglect of the issue, is no longer considered an acceptable excuse by many of Britain's decision makers. Washington is about to come up against this European attitude for the first time.

Another thing can be concluded from the British parliamentarians' statement: that Washington is no longer the one that defines Western positions, and that the key to the Middle East issue is not in America's hands — contrary to what the Egyptian regime would like to make the Arabs believe.

The position of the British may signal a similar strong attitude to be adopted by the EEC countries at their forthcoming conference in Venice.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

An exhibition of photography sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities in cooperation with the French Cultural Centre and Air France is open during office hours at the French Centre. The exhibition will end today.

The Goethe Institute, in cooperation with the Faculty of Science of the University of Jordan (Department of Physics), presents an exhibition entitled "The Utilisation of Solar Energy: A task for the future". The exhibition opens from 10 a.m. at the Institute, and ends today.

The Fine Arts Centre of the Department of Culture and Arts presents an exhibition of drawings, paintings, sculptures, ceramics and prints at the Culture Ministry's art gallery in Shmeisani. The exhibition ends today; visiting hours are 10 a.m. and 4-7 p.m.

The British Council presents an exhibition entitled "British Architecture of Arts and Leisure". Photographs and plans with seventeen contemporary examples will be on display until June 12.

Academic Fair

Projects in the arts and sciences, nursery school through 10th grade, are being displayed at an academic fair at the American Community School's multi-purpose room, near the Royal Automobile Club at the Fifth Circle, Jabal Amman. The fair is open to the public during school hours, and ends today.

Tunisian Cultural Week

The Tunisian Embassy and the Department of Culture and Arts, under the patronage of the minister of culture has organised a Tunisian Cultural Week. Today's programme consists of a recital of *Muwashshat* (a post-classical form of choral singing of Arabic poetry). It begins at 8 p.m. at the Palace of Culture.

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Damas-Scene

Compiled for the Jordan Times by Pat McDonnell



Oil painting by Syrian artist Georges Achy in a collection titled "The Sorrow in the Heart of Children", on display Friday in the French Cultural Centre.

(Week of May 31 - June 6)

EXHIBITIONS

FRIDAY, June 2: A 10-day programme of Palestinian Culture Week begins at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre, where exhibits feature Palestinian folk costumes, photos, posters, paintings, drawings, and books by Palestinians.

SUNDAY, June 6: "The Sorrow in the Heart of Children," an exhibition of 30 oil paintings by Syrian artist Georges Achy, will be open at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre with a 7:30 p.m. reception. The show is to last for 11 days. The children of southern Lebanon portrayed in this latest collection by Mr. Achy, who holds a diploma of honour for his painting from the Syrian Ministry of Culture. This will be the eighth one-man show by the artist, who is an accomplished violinist.

MONDAY, June 6: A 6 p.m. open house will mark the start of a public showing of a collection of oil paintings by Latakia artist George Genoura in the studio in the Jisr district of Damascus. The public is invited to view his paintings from 4 to 8 p.m., daily except Sundays. Mr. Genoura paints Syria landscapes, street scenes and impressionist sketches in addition to icons.

CONTINUING: The Circassian Society of Syria is sponsoring an exhibition in the Meridien Hotel featuring the works of Fateh Khatir, Nasir Chaurra, Nazir Naba, Mahmud Hammad and Ali Mahmud Bey.

LECTURES

SUNDAY, June 2: Mr. Yasser Arafat is scheduled to make the opening speech at 6 p.m. opening Palestinian Cultural Week activities in the Soviet Cultural Centre. At 7 p.m. Mr. Abdullah Horani of the Soviet-Palestinian Friendship Association will talk. "Palestine Under Occupation" will be the topic of poet Abdulim Al Kharmi (Abu Selma), who is president of the Palestinian Writers' and Journalists' Federation. Mr. Mo'iem Bseisu read selections from his poetry.

FRIDAY, June 3: "The Theatre in France" will be the topic of Michel Richard's talk at 7 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre (in French). Mr. Richard is a professional actor and drama coach who has spent the past three months in Syria training drama students.

FRIDAY, June 3: Palestinian writer Yahya Yakhlef will read his short stories at 8 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Arabic).

WEDNESDAY, June 4: Mr. Khalil Asawahari will discuss Palestinian literature produced in the occupied territories since 1967 at 7 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Arabic).

THURSDAY, June 5: Writer Mahmud Shukair will read selections from his works at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre. The Syrian Sons Troupe will perform Palestinian folk dances at the end of the programme.

FRIDAY, June 6: Poetry by Mr. Rahsim Al Madhoun will be read at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Arabic).

CONCERT

FRIDAY, June 6: Palestinian songs, music and dancing will be performed at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre.

VIDEO-TAPED PROGRAMMES

TUESDAY, June 3: A variety programme of music, dance and the theatre of France will be shown at 6 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre (in French).

WEDNESDAY, June 4: "Theatre '80 of Paris" is the title of a 6 p.m. programme in the French Cultural Centre (in French). **FRIDAY, June 6:** Ariane Mnouchkine will present a programme entitled "Les Clowns" at 6 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre (in French).

ENTERTAINMENT

SUNDAY, June 1: A gala premiere is scheduled for 9 p.m. in the pool area of the Meridien Hotel when the summer dining programme officially opens. Coloured fountains and floating flowers will enhance the glamorous setting. Entertainment begins from 9 p.m. with the "Percussion" orchestra from Paris and the Super Star Ballet of Amsterdam, featuring four female and two male dancers.

INTERNATIONAL PANORAMA

SATURDAY, June 7: Even though Indian Ambassador A.P. Venkateswaran has left for his new post in Geneva, his talented wife, Usha, is in Damascus for two months and she has made the most of her time free from diplomatic duties in preparing a benefit for the Syrian Red Crescent. Under her guidance, several embassies have agreed to contribute costumes, models, props and live musicians to a costume show, the first ever of its kind, June 7 in the Damascus Sheraton Ballroom.

Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. when models from 22 participating countries will parade their national dress in short narrated skits. Each presentation will feature a discussion of the life styles and traditions of the country in the spotlight.

Live music will enhance the national presentations of Austria, China, India, France, Britain, Japan, Hungary, Somalia, Indonesia, Senegal, Sudan, Spain, The Netherlands, the United States, Morocco, Libya, the United Arab Emirates, Palestine, Syria, Turkey and Pakistan.

Tickets priced at SL 50 per person may be obtained from the Sheraton Hotel or the Damascus Red Crescent Office.

FILMS

SATURDAY, May 31: "Winterspelt," a 1977/78 film directed by Eberhard Fechner, will be shown at 8 p.m. in the Goethe Institute. The film about World War II stars Ulrich von Dobschütz, Katharina Thalbach and Hans-Christian Blech (in German, with English sub-titles).

SATURDAY, May 31, and MONDAY, June 2: "Les Yeux Fermes" is the film to be shown at 7:30 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre. Joel Santoni directed the colour film, which stars Gerard Desarthe, Lorraine Rainer and Jean Carnet (in French, with Arabic sub-titles).

SUNDAY, June 1: In honour of the International Day of the Child a film entitled "Hans Rochfa and the Devil", produced by the Deva Film Organisation, will be presented at 6:30 p.m. in the German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre (in colour, Arabic narration).

TUESDAY, June 3: A documentary entitled "Palestinian Land Day" will be shown at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Arabic).

WEDNESDAY, June 4: "Die Missbrauchten Liebesbriefe," a 1969 film directed by Hans Dieter Schwarze, will be shown at 8 p.m. in the Goethe Institute. The film, based on the novel by Gottfried Keller, stars Gunter Strack, Angela Winkler and Udo Vioff (in German, with English sub-titles).

THURSDAY, June 5: "Le Sauvage" (1977), starring Yves Montand and Catherine Deneuve, will be shown at 8:30 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre. Jean-Pierre Rappeneau directed the colour film (in French, with Arabic sub-titles).

MOTHER'S DAY FETE

TUESDAY, June 3: Mother's Day will be celebrated at 5 p.m. in the German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre.

If you have items for the Damas-Scene column, please send them 10 days in advance to Pat McDonnell, P.O. Box 5601, Damascus, Syria, or telephone them in Damascus to 336-658.

Specialising in handicrafts and decorating

Josephine Santos Tajer: still creating after a lifetime of work and teaching

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is one of a series of articles about women of Syria.

By Pat McDonnell and Samir Twair

Special to the Jordan Times

DAMASCUS — It may come as a surprise to westerners, but as early as a half century ago women held professional jobs in Syria. Mrs. Josephine Santos Tajer was one of them.

In 1933 Mrs. Tajer held the distinction of being the first woman teacher of handicrafts in Damascus schools. She retired from teaching in 1963, but she continues to produce crafts which she sells from her home in the Sha'lan neighbourhood of Damascus.

Upon entering her home, the visitor is struck by a lifetime accumulation of crafts, ornate figurine lamps of the 1930s, hand-tooled copper and metal boxes, trays and plates, decorated wood screens and wall plaques.

Born in 1911, Josephine was one of six daughters of an Aleppo judge, Mumtaz Santos, who moved to Damascus in the early '30s. At St. Joseph's School for Girls in Aleppo she studied arts and handicrafts. A framed certificate occupies a prominent place on the dining room wall stating she took first prize in wood etching in the National Syrian Crafts Contest of 1929.

Upon finishing her schooling, Miss Santos accepted interior decorating assignments and with the proceeds she purchased equipment for an exhibition in the Omayyad Hotel — the first one-woman exhibition ever in Damascus.

Cheerful lifesize dolls from a screen for a children's bedroom for hanging clothing, slippers and toiletry items. Mrs. Tajer designed the screen for her grandchildren, now adults.



Mrs. Josephine Santos Tajer holds a hand-tooled metal chest she designed. In the background is a carved and etched wooden screen she made in the 1930s. A duplicate is in the Baron Hotel, Aleppo.

Wall hanging of burnt and etched wood of an imaginary Japanese emperor made by Mrs. Josephine Santos Tajer four decades ago. (2 metres in length).

The year was 1933.

The exhibit featured wood furniture which she had burnt and etched with designs not unlike the Louis XIV style, stained glass, tooled leather and copper work.

Not only did she receive a special medal of commendation but also an offer to begin the first handicrafts school for girls in Syria. Her parents did not object to her holding a salaried job, they encouraged her to do so and also admonished her for snobbism.

It seems she had been asked to teach orphaned girls in a school which today has been restored as the Ayyubid Bimaristan Al Nureddin, a 12th century hospital that is a museum of medicine and science.

As she recalls it, the then-young society woman did not cherish the prospect of teaching impoverished orphans. Her father admonished her with the comment that if she wanted to teach her crafts, she must be willing to teach the poor as well as the rich.

In 1935 the school was moved to Maktab 'Ambar in the Old city. It had a total enrolment of 300 girls. Instruction was divided into morning classes for resident orphans and afternoon sessions for preparatory school students.

Mrs. Tajer says it wasn't unusual for women to be in the teaching profession five decades ago, but generally women taught French, history, cooking, house-keeping, art and handicrafts, which she pioneered.

In answer to a further question, she said the majority of women teachers were Muslim.

The curriculum for orphaned girls in the 1930s offered handicrafts and sewing in elementary grades so that by the time they reached preparatory school they had a speciality. At the time of graduation, they had six years training in a specific skill: leather, copper or wood work, embroidery or tailoring.

In 1936, Josephine met a merchant who asked her to marry him. But he did not want her to work after marriage. Already a liberated woman, she said she would leave him, she would leave 100 potential husbands before she would give up the freedom of pursuing a career outside the home. She won.

After 30 years of teaching, she retired and promptly held her second solo exhibition, in 1963. Since then, she has continued to practice her craft, mainly making copper, silver and metal ornamental boxes. These are often seen at Damascus wedding displays of gifts.

A unique design which she still makes on commission, is a wooden clothes rack for children (see photo). The original was made for her grandchildren, now adults. Anyone wishing to order speciality items from Mrs. Tajer can phone her at 337-823.

TODAY'S WEATHER

The warm weather will continue with light and variable winds. In Aqaba it will be very warm with northeasterly winds and calm seas.

	Overnight		Daytime	
	low	high	low	high
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Aqaba	26	45		
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Economic News Briefs

U.S. index indicates record fall

WASHINGTON, May 30 (R)—Emphatic evidence of an economic recession in the United States emerged today in figures published by the government. An index designed to show where the U.S. economy is heading plunged by a record 4.8 per cent in April, according to the figures.

The April fall in the index of leading indicators, which is a composite of statistics on various sectors of the economy, was the sharpest since a three per cent decline in September 1974 when the United States was suffering from its last major economic recession.

The Commerce Department, which issued the April index, said the decline reflected falls in all 11 of the economic sectors for which data were available. The April decrease brought one index to 126.3 per cent of its 1967 base, the department said.

This week the Federal Reserve cut its discount lending rate, which is what it charges member banks to borrow from it, to 12 per cent from 13 per cent.

Mr. Carter, campaigning in Ohio yesterday, said the United States was "turning the tide" in the economic as well as energy and foreign policy fields.

Textile trade meeting debates accord renewal

BRUSSELS, May 30 (R)—Renewal of a world agreement on textiles trade is threatened by conflicting views of the developed and developing countries, delegates to a conference in Brussels said yesterday.

The three-day meeting, which ended yesterday was organized by the Paris-based International Chamber of Commerce as an exchange of views, and was not a formal negotiating session. Delegates from 31 countries took part.

Speakers from the Third World argued that the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) multilateral arrangement which allows their exports to grow at six per cent a year, was too restrictive and was being abused by importing nations.

Delegates from developed countries called for tougher restrictions to protect their own textile industries when the accord comes up for renegotiation next year.

The president of the U.S. textile policy committee, Mr. William Klopman, said there were fears for 700,000 jobs in America if imports continued to grow at the present rate.

Dr. S.A. Abbas, an official of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, put the developing countries' point of view.

He said that unemployment in developed countries' clothing

industries resulted more from improvements in technology than from the effects of imports. In any case these came not only from the Third World but also from other developed countries, he said.

W. Germany's trade deficit worsens

BONN, May 30 (R)—West Germany's current account balance of payments went further into the red in April, according to official provisional figures issued today. It showed a deficit of 1.8 billion marks (\$1.0 billion) after a shortfall of 1.3 billion marks (\$730 million) in March.

The figures include trade in goods as well as invisibles such as insurance and tourism and capital movements. They show a deficit in the first four months of this year twice as large as in January-April 1979.

The balance of trade, a major pillar supporting the West German economy and long the envy of most other industrialized countries, has also continued to deteriorate.

Exports exceeded imports in the first four months of 1980 by four million marks (\$2.2 million), less than a third of the surplus chalked up in the same period last year.

Finance Minister Hans Matthöfer's short-term answer to the payments problem is a joint strategy of borrowing abroad and digging into currency reserves. In April he arranged a loan from Saudi Arabia worth some three billion marks (\$1.7 billion) and said he was confident West Germany could turn to Saudi Arabia again later this year if need be.

Japan's consumer prices rise 1.7%

TOKYO, May 30 (AP)—Consumer prices in Japan rose 1.7 per cent in April from the March figure and 8.4 per cent from the corresponding month of 1979, the Prime Minister's office announced today. The nationwide consumer price index was 136.2 with 1975 equaling 100, it said. The bureau said the year-to-year pace of increase was the sharpest since August 1977.

Meanwhile, consumer prices in the Tokyo area continued to rise in May with an increase of 0.7 per cent over April and 7.7 per cent over the year before, mainly because of a hike in public utilities charges, it said. The index stood at 137.9.

Unemployment in Japan declined to 1.18 million in April from 1.24 million in March, the Prime Minister's statistics bureau announced today. Unemployment in the corresponding month of 1979 was 1.24 million in added.

The announcement said the jobless rate before seasonal adjustments in April was 2.1 per cent, down 0.1 per cent from March and from the corresponding month of a year ago.

Good U.S., Europe weather to boost world wheat crop

ROME, May 30 (AP)—Recent favourable weather in the United States and Western Europe should help boost world wheat production above last year's reduced harvest, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said today.

A world crop report by the FAO noted difficulties for farmers in Latin America and warned of the danger of an upsurge of crop destroying locusts in Africa unless adequate control measures were taken.

The report forecast a 1980 world wheat crop of 456 million tons, 31 million tons, or seven per cent above the 1979 harvest. Coarse grains output was estimated at 765 million tons, 18 million tons, or two per cent more than last year.

Rains in recent months favoured crops in north and central Africa, but the outlook is uncertain for most east African countries owing to a late start of the crucial summer rains and to drought in southern Ethiopia. In southern Africa, heavy April rains were too late to benefit crops affected by prolonged drought and most countries are now harvesting small crops.

The report noted increased activity by two species of locusts in

Africa and said control operations are under way in Egypt, Sudan and Saudi Arabia against the desert locust.

For the first time since the last major plague of 1928 to 1941, swarms of African migratory locusts have persisted through the dry season with breeding noted in the Donga valley in eastern Nigeria. "Unless effective control operations are organised rapidly, a new upsurge may develop," the FAO said.

In Latin America, excessive rains disrupted spring harvests in Argentina and Brazil while drought has affected southern Bolivia as well as grain prospects for Ecuador, Peru and Chile. Rains have been below normal in both Mexico and Haiti.

Overall grain prospects in the Middle East remain favourable except in Afghanistan where there was less area sown and floods, and in Southern Yemen, the FAO said.

In the Far East, spring rains benefited crops over most of China as well as in Malaysia, Pakistan and Thailand, but flooded parts of Indonesia. Dry April weather speeded India's wheat harvest, but adversely affected maize in Nepal and the Philippines.

Pakistan seeks water project credit

KARACHI, May 30 (R)—Pakistan is discussing with the World Bank a \$100 million drinking water supply scheme for Karachi, the Associated Press of Pakistan news agency reported yesterday. Pakistan will provide 50 per cent of the finance for the scheme, which will supply drinking water for over 10 million people.

LONDON EXCHANGE

LONDON, May 30 (R)—Following are the buying rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar trading on the London foreign exchange and billion

One sterling	2.3460/3500	U.S. dollar	1.1594/97
One U.S. dollar	1.7745/65	Canadian dollar	1.7745/65
	1.9475/9525	West German mark	1.6525/55
	1.6525/55	Dutch guilder	28.35/40
	4.1275/1325	Swiss franc	837.50/838.50
	837.50/838.50	French franc	222.25/75
	222.25/75	Italian lire	4.1980/90
	4.1980/90	Japanese yen	4.8825/35
	4.8825/35	South African rand	5.5660/70
One ounce of gold	533.50/535.50	U.S. dollar	

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, May 30—Gold shares were higher with bullion price but equities and government bonds fell. At 1500 the FT index was down 1.6 points. Short dated government bonds eased around 1/8 longer maturities fell as much as 1/4 point. There was a through in equities to the slight rally after yesterday's company results and leading shares fell as much as 4 Canadian issues showed an easier trend.

Mixed chemicals had Beecham up 2p after news the Bovril would not be referred to the monopolies. Glaxo also added 2p but Fisons shed 3p and ICI was steady. Among electricals, Racal and GEC added 2p apiece fell 2p and BICC extended its fall by 4p after the warning of the narrowing of margins. Bowring added mixed oils had Lasmo surrendering half of yesterday's 11p at 645.

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EEC ministers approve plan which would reduce U.K. budget contribution

BRUSSELS, May 30 (R) — European Common Market foreign ministers today agreed on a formula to grant Britain's demand for a substantial cut in its EEC budget contribution, but final government approval was needed before it became effective.

Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo, who chaired a ministerial meeting on the issue which has bedevilled Community work over the past year, said of the accord: "There are no winners and no losers."

Mr. Colombo, who earlier asked ministers to strive for a solution by tomorrow, said that all foreign ministers had approved the plan which offered Britain a cut of \$1.67 billion in its projected \$2.5 billion 1980 contribution.

All of them said they would recommend its adoption to their national governments, he said.

Immediately after the ministers finished an almost non-stop 19-hour series of meetings, British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington flew to London to present the plan to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Despite Mr. Colombo's reference to a recommendation, British sources said the foreign secretary only intended to inform the British government of today's EEC decision, implying that he would not deliver an outright recommendation.

The plan appeared to be less favourable to Britain on first examination than a proposal already rejected by Mrs. Thatcher in Luxembourg a month ago.

But experts said that although it would mean higher contributions than those put forward in Luxembourg, the offer was in fact generous given new EEC Commission projections for higher overall EEC budget spending this year and next.

French sources said Lord Carrington told his colleagues that Britain was unlikely to consider their new offer entirely satisfactory.

Schmidt: Bonn-Moscow relations are 'satisfactory'

BONN, May 30 (AP) — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt conferred today with Soviet Deputy Premier Nikolai Tikhonov and afterward declared through his spokesman that relations between Moscow and Bonn were "satisfactory."

State secretary Klaus Boelling, the government's chief spokesman, quoted Mr. Schmidt as saying that although bilateral ties were satisfactory, "the present international situation is not conducive to these relations."

The chancellor was apparently referring to tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union following Moscow's incursion into Afghanistan last December.

During a press conference, Mr. Boelling said Mr. Schmidt and the Soviet official discussed a recently completed German-Soviet economic accord, plans for the chancellor to visit Moscow, and a series of non-economic questions on which he refused to elaborate.

But the topics presumably

included Mr. Schmidt's proposal that NATO and the Warsaw Pact suspend deployment of medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe to give the two blocs time to negotiate a new weapons accord.

Mr. Tikhonov, a Politburo member, is the highest-ranking Soviet official to visit West Germany since the Soviets moved into Afghanistan. His visit is seen as a clear sign that both Bonn and Moscow want to continue economic and political cooperation despite differences over Afghanistan and the Olympic boycott.

West Germany and Norway are the only European NATO members whose national Olympic Committees have agreed to support President Carter's boycott call.

The Schmidt-Tikhonov talks followed an announcement in Bonn late yesterday that the two countries had agreed to expand economic cooperation in such areas as energy and raw materials delivery despite the East-West chill.

General Mikhailov claimed that Britain recently opened a special centre for the manufacture of chemical and biological weapons, and a training ground for British and NATO troops.

The training ground at Porton Down in southwest England was recently shown to the press by British defence chiefs, who said the new facility was necessary to train troops to cope with the Soviet Union's massive arsenal of chemical weapons.

General Mikhailov referred to modern Soviet flame-throwers and smoke generating equipment, but said nothing about Western charges that the Soviet Union has equipped its forces with chemical weapons.

Last month the official news agency TASS said the Soviet Union had no chemical weapons and was not considering developing them.

The article made it clear that despite the denials, Soviet ground troops were being given extensive training to fight a war in a chemical environment and their equipment was being perfected.

Referring to his allegations about Western plans, General Mikhailov said: "This is why in present conditions the Communist Party and the Soviet government are doing everything possible to raise the level of readiness of the armed forces, so that they will be at any moment fully armed to meet an enemy attack, whether nuclear, chemical or biological."

He said the specialised chemical troops under his command were being given sophisticated equipment to enable soldiers to go on fighting while under attack with chemicals and even nerve gas.

According to data published in the West, the Soviet chemical troops are estimated to number 90,000 men and each infantry regiment includes a platoon equipped with decontamination vehicles.

"Our troops are armed with special vehicles and armoured transporters protected against radioactivity, and with automatic and semi-automatic instruments to detect and pinpoint in a few seconds contamination in the air and on the ground," the general wrote.

Challenges of international terrorism and aggression "with other nations at our side."

"But I can tell you... we will stand alone if necessary."

Standing in his shirt-sleeves in late spring heat, Mr. Carter spoke forcefully, saying he had been tested under fire during three and half years in office and had "never ducked or hidden."

"We've done what was right and we've always told the truth," he said.

Mr. Carter said that after more than 15 years of falling steadily behind Soviet military growth, the United States was now leading its allies in a sustained increase in defence spending. "We have turned the tide in military strength," he said.

He said the United States also was turning the tide from inflation, rising interest rates and an over-dependence on energy imports.

Both inflation and interest rates were starting to decline, he said. "And I tell you flatly... I make this prediction: that in the second half of this year, beginning in the summer, the inflation rate is going to go down."

Referring to his battle against the defence-oriented budget resolution pending in Congress, Mr. Carter said the federal budget must be balanced and military spending increased, but "with fairness and compassion."

He said he was fighting in Congress to meet the impending recession by preserving his proposals for expanded domestic programmes for the poor and jobless.

The president predicted he will win a majority of Ohio's Democratic convention delegates next Tuesday, when he also faces challenges from Senator Kennedy in California, New Jersey and five other states.

The eight "super Tuesday" primaries are Mr. Kennedy's last real chance to stop Mr. Carter's nomination.

But Mr. Kennedy asserted that Mr. Carter's main failures lay in the economic policies which, he said, had failed to prevent steep inflation along with a recession and unemployment. He made clear those issues would be the focus of any debate.



General Zia Ul Haq

Pakistan party vows to struggle to overthrow Zia

ISLAMABAD, May 30 — The executive of one of Pakistan's main opposition parties, Tehrik Istiqal, vowed today to continue their struggle to overthrow military ruler General Zia Ul Haq, despite the arrest of their leader last night.

Party president, retired air marshal Ashgar Khan, was put under house arrest after campaigning for more than a month against army rule.

He was detained first in October last year, when General Zia cancelled elections he had promised and banned all political activity. He was released along with other opposition leaders on April 18.

Mr. Mahmud Ali Kasuri, 69, vice-president of Tehrik Istiqal, said at a press conference today that the party would continue Ashgar Khan's campaign and operate as a political group, despite the martial law ban.

He said General Zia had violated Pakistan's constitution and was unable to bear the slightest restraint on his absolutism.

Earlier this week, General Zia amended the constitution to curtail the power of the courts and to prevent any legal challenge to his regime.

The general's move came on the eve of a Punjab high court judgment on a writ petition from Ashgar Khan, seeking to declare that General Zia was constitutionally bound to hold elections within 90 days.

Mr. Kasuri, a prominent lawyer, said: "Zia's action leads me to think he was worried the judgement would be against him. The way Zia is behaving demonstrates that fear has overtaken him."

Gandhi forces expected to crush opposition in India's state elections

NEW DELHI, May 30 (AP) — The forces led by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her son, Sanjay, were heavy favourites to crush the splintered opposition this week in their first test since the national election returned them to power last January.

Amid scattered violence, ballots were cast in 860 districts for state assembly members Wednesday while campaigning continued in another 1,367 districts scheduled to vote tomorrow.

Counting in all nine states involved, the most populous and important in India, starts Sunday and results are expected Monday.

More than 20 persons had been killed by the time the three-week campaign officially ended yesterday and more than 250 were injured, some seriously, in clashes

involving rival political groups and police. The dead included six candidates.

Heat wave and drought reduced attendance at campaign rallies. Wednesday's voting brought turnouts under 50 per cent in many places.

Mrs. Gandhi herself drew crowds much smaller than in her comeback campaign four short months earlier.

In spite of prospects for decisive victory, the 62-year-old leader typically left nothing to chance and campaigned almost full-time for her candidates.

After taking office in January, Mrs. Gandhi's central government dismissed the nine state governments with the argument that they no longer had a popular mandate. The Janata Party of former prime minister Morarji Desai took similar action after toppling Mrs. Gandhi's earlier administration in 1977.

The Janata has split into four rival opposition groups, which failed to agree on candidates in most districts, virtually assuring a big win for Mrs. Gandhi's ruling Congress Party.

Smelling victory under the Gandhi banner, 40,000 applicants swarmed to the capital in early May to scramble for the approximately 2,220 places on the Congress ticket.

In a spectacular break with Mr. H.N. Bhabhuna, the secretary-general of her party and a politician noted for switching sides, Mrs. Gandhi said publicly that preference was given to those who had stood beside her during the lean period in opposition to Janata rule.

Miffed at the denial of party nominations to his old guard backers, Mr. Bhabhuna charged that "the real man in control is Mr. Sanjay Gandhi." State reports indicated that most of the assembly candidates were picked or screened by Sanjay's party youth wing.

International issues were surprisingly prominent in the state campaigns, with Gandhi critics accusing the prime minister of using them to divert attention from mediocre performance on earlier promises to check inflation, restore law and order and give India "a government that works."

Mrs. Gandhi hammered at a familiar theme: that her foes tend to sell out India to unnamed foreign interests and that foreign powers are connected with India's frequent civil disorders.

The Gandhis, mother and son, blamed a widespread shortage of

FBI, local authorities seek motive for attack on civil rights leader

FORT WAYNE, Indiana, May 30 (Agencies) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) says the shooting of National Urban League President Vernon Jordan may have been a conspiracy, but local police, ruling out a "domestic type thing" as the motive, view the attack as isolated and are checking the theory of someone working alone.

Mr. Jordan, 44, under police guard in Parkview Memorial Hospital's intensive care unit, was off the critical list, but he was still in very serious condition last night. He had delivered a speech to the Fort Wayne Urban League Wednesday and was shot early yesterday outside his motel.

President Jimmy Carter, addressing the congregation of the Olivet Institutional Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio during a campaign swing yesterday, said he believed the attack "was an assassination effort" and that he was "filled with a sense of outrage and a sense of sadness."

FBI Director William Webster said in Washington last night that the shooting apparently was a premeditated act, a possible conspiracy. He said the bureau was investigating the possibility of a federal civil rights violation.

The FBI cannot yet determine if there were personal motives for the attack or whether it was a political assassination attempt, he said.

Police spokesman Dan Gibson said: "The domestic situation has been completely ruled out. We're looking at an individual, possibly involved alone, as an isolated type incident."

Dr. Jeffrey Towles, who operated on Mr. Jordan, said Mr. Jordan was not out of danger but was "weathering the post-operative period fairly well."

A bullet struck Mr. Jordan in the lower back just left of the spinal cord and damaged his intestine, and a second bullet grazed his right leg. Mr. Towles said: "As soon as the projectile entered, there was an explosive effect like nothing I have ever seen before."

The shooting occurred at about two a.m. as Mr. Jordan stepped out of a car driven by Mrs. Martha Coleman, a white member of the

board of directors of the Fort Wayne Urban League. After his speech, Mr. Jordan and Mrs. Coleman left for coffee at her house sometime after midnight. They returned and parked about 15 metres from Mr. Jordan's room, Mr. Gibson said.

Police chief Leon Wolfe related Mr. Jordan's own account: "Mr. Jordan stated he was not aware of what occurred; he did not see any person or vehicle. At the time of the shooting, he was facing the hotel room. He heard a sound, which he described as a thud, at which time he was struck and fell to the ground. The last thing Mr. Jordan remembers is feeling blood. Mr. Jordan also stated he had received no threats prior to or after his arrival in Fort Wayne."

Mrs. Coretta King, wife of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., said: "We are praying for Vernon Jordan's complete recovery and the abatement of racial violence in our country. If we are to survive as a nation, it is urgent that all Americans of good will join together in a recommitment to the total eradication of violence in our society."

Yesterday, the official Soviet news agency TASS said the shooting of Mr. Jordan was "yet another episode in the shameful history of political assassinations of black American leaders."

The TASS report from New York was an unusually quick response to an event in the United States and was linked by the agency to recent racial violence in Miami, Florida and other cities.

Mr. Jordan took over in 1972 as head of the National Urban League, one of the nation's oldest civil rights groups, and is regarded as among the most moderate and influential black leaders in the United States.

Arguing that time was needed to check inflation, now running over 20 per cent a year, Mrs. Gandhi said the country's foreign exchange and food grain reserves were squandered by the previous government.

Refuting this, Mr. Desai's former finance minister, Mr. H.M. Patel, said the Janata government had increased India's grain reserves 50 per cent and that under Mr. Desai foreign exchange reserves, now dropping, had risen from \$3.5 billion to \$6 billion.

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TAIPEI, Taiwan — To the nationalist Chinese here, the People's Republic of China 160 kilometres across the Taiwan Strait is still the "bandit district." Peking, which means northern capital in Chinese, is still called Peiping, or northern city, because the obstinate nationalists say Taiwan is the capital of China.

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mainland sailors, was covered by Taiwan television reported by the mainland.

Earlier this year, the government broke with policy and said it would mainland students abroad to visit Taiwan privately arranged visits.

Sources close to national policymakers said there have been unofficial contacts between representatives of the island and mainland.

Moderate nationalists, who are willing to be identified although they do not like communists, Taiwan's economic survival depends on relations with the mainland.

Taiwan imports most of its materials and is completely dependent on them for their South Korea, Singapore and Japan.

Given the political situation, "it is not possible to trade, communicate or conduct shipping with the mainland," said another source. "Citing the existing trade said the nationalist government 'speaks one way and acts another when it comes to mainland relations.'"

"Many people on Taiwan think of the communists as a threat," said another source. "They fear most is that the mainland would lower their standard."

"But intellectuals are trying to understand the communists and their new policies and actions," he said. "We don't deal with them in a real way... It's a matter of slow political evolution."

World News Briefs

TOKYO, May 30 (AP) — Chinese Premier Hua Guofang left Tokyo for Nagoya in central Japan by train this morning to continue his tour in Japan. Prior to his departure by bullet train, Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira paid a farewell visit to Mr. Hua at the state guesthouse. Mr. Hua arrived in Tokyo for a six-day state visit to Japan. In Nagoya, about 250 km southwest of Tokyo, Mr. Hua and his party will inspect an automobile assembly plant. Tomorrow he will proceed to Osaka, the ancient capital of Japan. The Chinese premier will visit Kobe before leaving Osaka international airport for home.

KATHMANDU, May 30 (R) — King Birendra has promulgated granting the Nepalese people permanent speech, press and assembly, the law and justice ministry yesterday. The king first granted the freedoms on May 11 for the 11 months leading up to a national referendum on a new constitution for the country. The referendum on May 2 this year, and the result, announced 12 days later, voters had rejected a multi-party system of government, a system of government by Panchayats (councils), under which parties were not permitted, had obtained 55 per cent and would continue with some reforms. Several communists who refused to accept the declared result of the referendum were arrested and more moderate politicians had camp when the rights of free speech, publication and peaceful demonstration were considerably restricted.

WELLINGTON, May 30 (AP) — The New Zealand Olympic Association voted today to send a Moscow Olympics, rejecting a last-minute plea from the IOC to boycott the games. The decision came at the end of a meeting which lasted into the early hours of the morning and was 12-6 with two absences. Acting prime minister Don McEwen spent one hour at the meeting and urged the association to support the team. "The government is disappointed at the decision," he said. "It seems to me that a decision which deters New Zealand's national interests was taken on the concerns of individual sporting officials."

THE HAGUE, May 30 (R) — An unofficial tribunal aiming the release from internal exile of Dr. Andrei Sakharov in The Hague on Sept. 4 and 5, another Soviet dissident, I. Shern, said yesterday. Dr. Shern told a press conference "international Sakharov tribunal of conscience and peace seek to mobilise public opinion behind freedom for Dr. who was stripped of state honours last January and a Gorky, 400 kilometres east of Moscow. He said the tribunal attended by 22 Nobel prize winners, nine of whom he agreed to sit on the jury along with rectors from ten universities group does not have official backing from the Dutch government. Sakharov, a physicist is a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

WASHINGTON, May 30 (R) — President Carter was accused today by a senior member of his own party of helping to stall efforts in Congress to give the United States its first balanced budget in 12 years.

The House of Representatives last night voted down a balanced budget proposal after Mr. Carter opposed it on the ground that it contained too much money for defence.

Senator Ernest Hollings, chairman of the powerful Senate budget committee, said in a television interview today: "...We cannot have a balanced budget unless the president gets in line."

He repeated earlier charges that Mr. Carter was being hypocritical and vacillating over defence — at one point urging increased spending and then opposing Congress' budget proposal because it leaned too heavily towards defence.

Mr. Hollings is a pro-Carter delegate to the Democratic Party convention in August, which is expected to nominate President Carter as the party's candidate for the November election.

The Senator said he vote for Mr. Carter at the convention but added: "president goes around these games... yes, his, deplorable."

The measure that voted down last night 242 to 141 called for totaling of \$613.3 billion in financial year starting in 1981.

The figure included expenditure of \$155.7 billion more than Mr. Carter had asked for.

The budget proposal is back to a joint committee House and Senate will guns-on-butter argue whether more money should be spent on defence or social programs will be thrashed out again.

Paradoxically, after so many congressmen who had voted down the budget had left Capitol Hill last night House voted to instruct members to insist on keeping spending at the high \$153.7 billion.

Taiwan looks to the mainland

By Victoria Graham

It has proposed resumption of direct mail service, travel, shipping and trade and has dropped import duties on goods made in Taiwan — all done under Peking's official position that Taiwan is part of China.

There are clear but unofficial signs of a softening of attitudes towards the People's Republic.

According to official statistics in Hong Kong, Taiwan imported \$55.8 million worth of mainland goods last year through Hong Kong, especially herbal medicines, while the mainland imported \$21.4 million worth of Taiwan goods, especially tape recorders, television sets and textiles.

Nationalist officials claim the true figures are more like \$40 million and \$10 million respectively. Officially, trade with the mainland is not permitted, but the Taiwan government says it can do little to hinder commerce through a third party.

Mail via third countries and Hong Kong is also said to pour in to the mainland from Taiwan and vice versa. Likewise, Taiwanese have visited the mainland, again via third countries and Hong Kong.

The Evening China News of Taipei, in a recent editorial, did not denounce such contacts but said: "The subject is one requiring careful discussion."

Athletes from the mainland and Taiwan recently met in a U.S. track meet and scientists met at a conference in Costa Rica without arguing over flags. Those contacts, some suggest, could have political implications.

Last March, a group of mainland Chinese seamen from a Panamanian freighter toured Taipei. Their tour, the first by



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